

FY 2017



**Request for Expansion
Funds
SFMNP & FMNP
Consolidated State Plan**

**WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
Request for Expansion
Fiscal Year 2017**

This section should be completed only if a State agency operated a Federally-funded WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program in fiscal year (FY) **2016**. If a State agency is requesting an increase in Federal funds above its base Federal grant, the expansion request should be consistent with expanding benefits to more recipients, or by enhancing current benefits, or a combination of both, and expanding the awareness and use of farmers' markets. **Expansion funds are subject to the 30 percent administrative funding match requirement.** Generally, to be eligible for expansion funds, a State agency must **1) have utilized at least 80 percent of its prior year food grant, and 2) provide documentation supporting the expansion request.** A State agency that did not spend at least 80 percent of its prior year food grant may still be eligible for expansion funds if, in the judgment of FNS, a good cause existed for the lower expenditure rate (§248.14 (e)(1-2) .

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the justifications provided to FNS, expansion requests will be granted as early in the fiscal year as possible.

1. Base grant amount for FY 2017 (this is your final FY **2016** grant amount):
\$63,766
2. Amount of expansion funds requested for FY 2017 (additional Federal funds above the amount in item number 1: \$10,000
3. Using the Worksheet provided on pages 39-42, the total amount of the State agency's match required for the base grant amount and expansion funds is: \$5,374.

Describe the source(s) and amounts for the match funds to support the expansion request.

State DARS-VDA funds of \$5,374.

4. Estimated amount and percentage of Federal FMNP food funds spent by the State agency during FY 2016: \$17,210 and 32%.
5. Briefly describe the reason(s) for requesting funds to expand the FMNP, including any supporting documentation. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Of the 38 WIC Local Agencies, the FMNP is only implemented in 5 agencies. The SFMNP is implemented in 11 areas throughout the State and we would like to be able to offer the FMNP in those same locations.

6. Number of additional recipients above the previous year's level that the State agency hopes to serve (by category) with the expansion funds:

504 pregnant women

497 breastfeeding women

389 postpartum women

1175 infants (over 4 months of age)

2438 children

5003 Total

7. Number of additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and/or local agency/clinic sites the State agency anticipates authorizing:

3 New farmers' market sites (Please attach a list of all new addresses.)

5 New farmers (Please attach a list of all new addresses.)

0 New roadside stand locations (Please attach a list of all new locations.)

0 New local agencies/clinics (Please attach a list of all new addresses.)

All S/FMNP markets are currently approved to accept S/FMNP checks. Although the WIC local agencies are not in all 11 areas, all 50 markets in those locations may accept checks.

Please attach a list and map showing all of the new and continuing farmers' markets, roadside stands, and WIC clinics. There is no change to the current areas for farmers markets or areas where S/FMNP currently is offered.

8. If the State agency intends to increase the benefit level with expansion funds, the new benefit level after expansion will be \$N/A
9. If the State agency uses varying benefit amounts, please list all of the new benefit levels, indicating the recipient categories affected. N/A
10. Describe the State agency's administrative capacity to manage effectively the requested increase in FMNP caseload.

The increased case load will be managed at the local WIC agencies. Applicants that are eligible for WIC benefits, with the exception of infants 4 months of age and under, are also eligible for the WIC FMNP. At the time of certification/recertification/benefit issuance, the WIC agency staff will provide the WIC participant with the S/FMNP checks in conjunction with their WIC benefits. Nutrition education is already provided as part of the WIC benefit, so the only additional requirement for WIC staff, is participant signature for receipt of S/FMNP checks and

education on use of the checks.

VDACS has been consulted on which localities it is feasible to expand into without undue burden on the marketing specialists. The locations mentioned for expansion were selected because they adjoin areas that already have farmers and farmers' markets that are potentially eligible vendors.

**Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
Request for Expansion
Fiscal Year 2017**

This section should be completed only if a State agency operated a Federally-funded SFMNP in fiscal year (FY) 2016. If a State agency is requesting an increase in Federal funds above its base grant, the expansion request should be consistent with expanding benefits to more participants or by enhancing current benefits, or a combination of both, and increasing the consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding, developing, or aiding in the development and expansion of farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs. Generally, to be eligible for expansion funds, a State agency must **1) have utilized at least 80 percent of its prior year food grant, and 2) provide documentation supporting the expansion request.** A State agency that did not spend at least 80 percent of its prior year food grant may still be eligible for expansion funds if, in the judgment of FNS, a good cause existed for the lower expenditure rate (§249.14 (e)(1-2).

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the justifications provided to FNS, expansion requests will be granted as early in the fiscal year as possible.

1. Base Grant amount for FY 2016 (this is your final FY **2016** grant amount):
\$439,235.
2. Amount of expansion funds requested for FY 2017 (additional Federal funds above the amount in item number 1): \$60,000.
3. Estimated amount and percent of Federal SFMNP food funds spent by the State agency during FY 2016: \$355,781 and the percentage: 90%.
4. Briefly describe the reason(s) for requesting funds to expand the SFMNP, including any supporting documentation. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Of our 25 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in Virginia, SFMNP is only implemented in 11 agencies. In those 11 agencies, only 5 are able to offer the program to residents of all localities served by the AAA.

There are many other areas of the state that would like to participate in the program as evidenced by numerous requests from seniors, farmers, AAAs, public officials, concerned citizens, and family members of seniors.

For 2017, we would like to request \$60,000 in expansion funds to be used as follows:

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Southside – all localities served by Southern AAA

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Halifax or adjoining area served by Lake Country AAA

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Emporia served by the City of Emporia

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Wise County or adjoining area served by Mountain Empire Older Citizens

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Prince Edward County or adjoining area served by Piedmont Senior Resources

\$6,000 Additional admin funds (10%)

5. Number of additional participants above the previous year's level the State agency hopes to serve with the expansion funds: 1500

6. Number of additional farmers' market sites, roadside stands, CSA programs, and local agencies (e.g., Area Agencies on Aging or CSFP) the State agency anticipates authorizing:

3 New farmers' market sites.

0 New roadside stand locations.

0 New CSA programs.

0 New local agencies.

0 New bulk purchase programs

7. If the State agency intends to increase the benefit level with expansion funds, what will be the benefit level after expansion?

For participants at markets and roadside stands N/A

For participants in CSA programs N/A

For participants in bulk purchase programs N/A

8. Describe the State agency's administrative capacity to manage the requested increase in SFMNP caseload effectively.

The increased case load will fall mainly on the local AAAs. In most cases, because they have been processing applications and establishing waiting lists, the AAAs have the capacity to expand by the amounts requested without undue burden. The AAAs receive administrative funds which do not cover all administrative costs but are helpful in defraying some of the expense involved with the increased workload.

VDACS has been consulted on which localities it is feasible to expand into without undue burden on the marketing specialists. The locations mentioned for expansion were

selected because they adjoin areas that already have farmers and farmers' markets that are potentially eligible vendors.